

Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Sigurd Anderson, an immigrant son of a Norwegian farmer, through his ability, integrity and diligence, became a respected and admired figure in his home of Webster, in the State of South Dakota and in the United States of America; and,

WHEREAS, While working as a high school teacher to make his living, he earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Dakota in 1931 and an I.L.B. in 1937; and,

WHEREAS, His integrity, honesty and respect for people led him to serve in his first public office as Day County States Attorney from 1939 to 1941 and as a South Dakota Assistant Attorney General from 1941 to 1943; and,

WHEREAS, When his country called, during the second World War, he answered, serving with the United States Navy from 1943 to 1946; and,

WHEREAS, He returned to South Dakota to be elected Attorney General in 1946 and 1948, Governor in 1950 and was re-elected by the largest popular vote total ever for a governor in South Dakota in 1952; and,

WHEREAS, His term as Governor was blessed with the birth of a daughter, Kristin, and by final termination of the Rural Credit debt; and,

WHEREAS, He very ably served his country as a member of the Federal Trade Commission from 1955-1964; and,

WHEREAS, He returned to South Dakota to practice law in Webster until chosen for judicial robes in 1967 until his retirement in 1975; and,

WHEREAS, Sigurd Anderson was awarded the Americanism Medal by the Daughters of the American Revolution and became the first foreign born citizen to receive this prestigious award for service to his country; and,

WHEREAS, Sigurd Anderson has proven many times that a little Norwegian goes a long way with South Dakotans:

NOW, THEREFORE, on the occasion of this Day County Lincoln Day Celebration, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, join his many friends, family and a grateful state in proclaiming April 25, 1987, as

SIGURD ANDERSON DAY

in South Dakota, and to acknowledge his 40 years of public service.



ATTEST:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Governor's Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

George S. Mickelson
GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

Joyce Hazeltine
JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE